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F-4 Aftermath

By Courtney Swartenburg and Leigh Hagler

As they leave class day after day, students and faculty of Shelton State Community College are reminded of the devastating F-4 tornado of Dec. 16.

The Winn-Dixie located in front of Shelton State was almost completed prior to the storm. The grand opening originally scheduled for the second week in January is now postponed until further notice, according to Hall and Taylor Construction Company. Weather conditions have also hindered builders in finishing homes.

On Dec. 17, Tuscaloosa County Sheriff, Ted Sexton told *The Tuscaloosa News*, "This is the worst tornado I've ever seen. It will probably be the worst in our history."

Some of the people, who were affected by the tornado, are members of the Shelton State faculty, including the president of Shelton State, Dr. Rick Rogers. Fortunately, he was not at his resi-

dence in Hinton Place. Within 10 minutes of the storm he arrived at his home finding that no damages occurred. He then immediately spoke with the Chief of police and volunteered Shelton State as a shelter for the victims, because of the building size and the



Damage to homes and cars was clearly evident on Hwy. 69 in front of Shelton on Dec. 17

back up generators that provided power. Within an hour and a half, Red Cross had set up 100 cots, and with the help of local ven-

dors and restaurants, which included Outback, Buffalo Rock, Pepsi, McDonalds and Arby's, prepared food for the victims, National Guard, and volunteers. The day after the tornado occurred Arby's sent unscheduled kitchen staff to cook food for the following week.

"Shelton looked a lot like a command post in the army," Rogers said.

Within 25 hours they had restored the power in the community. He stated, "Red Cross and Alabama Power were very organized." Thanks to Dr. Rogers's efforts, Shelton State was able to provide assistance to all that were in need of help.

Many wounds have healed and houses are being rebuilt but those who survived this horrible disaster need support to overcome these events. People of the Taylorville community will start support groups, funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency. Sheldon Rosenzweig, of the Disaster Recovery Outreach Team,

told *The Tuscaloosa News* on Jan. 19, the groups have 11 professional staff members. These support groups will be located at

Shelton enjoys jumbo enrollment increase

The college released figures for spring enrollment which showed an 11.75 percent increase over the previous spring semester.

"I think President Rogers has created an excitement within and outside the college that really helped," commented Dean of Students Humphrey Lee.

Rogers commended the faculty and staff for their part in attracting new students to the campus.



President Rick Rogers cites team effort for the college's enrollment

Taylorville United Methodist Church, for more information about these groups call 758-4223.

Large tornadoes are more commonly

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Camille Cochran receives Todd Award for teaching

Shelton State instructor Camille Cochran was named the recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching at Shelton State Community College for the year 2000.

President Rick Rogers made the announcement of this year's winner during Shelton State's annual Christmas breakfast. The annual award carries with it a cash gift of \$1500.00 and was established by Dr. and Mrs. John Todd of Tuscaloosa.

Faculty and staff of the college submit

nominations for the award. A committee composed of members from the Shelton State Foundation and the Todd Award winner from the previous year make the selection. The award is based on contributions to the teaching field, activities and innovative programs to improve instruction at the college, contributions outside the classroom, student evaluations, and community service.

Cochran has served as chairman of the mathematics department since 1996 and was named by Rogers as Interim Associate Dean of Academic Services this fall. She is a



Dr. and Mrs. John L. Todd express their commitment to leadership and education to Camille Cochran

member of the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Mathematical Association of America. This year she was appointed to the Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative Committee and the State of Alabama Mathematics Discipline Committee for Articulation and General Studies.

One of the most innovative challenges undertaken by Cochran includes the redesign of all Shelton's Math 090 classes. She converted all day sections of Math 090 to a combined lecture and computer lab courses. In doing this she assumed responsibility for an average of 220 students each semester. This year she moved to the next step by converting all 15 sections of 450 students of Math 090 to a total computer based learning format.

Another initiative of Cochran's begins this spring with a plan for students in Math 101 to use computerized targeted to their abilities and their occupational field.

Cochran has made several professional presentations. This year she was a presenter at the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges annual conference. Her presentation was "Using Sierpinski's Triangle to Introduce Chaos Theory."

In the community she volunteers with Caring Days and Hospice of West Alabama. She is married to David Cochran and they are members of Christ Episcopal Church of Tuscaloosa.

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directed by Dr. Alan
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"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



A Planet Spectacular

Late January and early February is an excellent time for planet watching! Shortly after sunset, four planets are visible—Mercury, Venus, Saturn, and Jupiter.

To observe them, simply catch a beautiful sunset. As twilight starts, look along a line from the point on the horizon where the Sun set to the middle part of the night sky.

The first planet, just above the horizon, is Mercury which is fairly dim compared to Venus, the second planet along this line. The third and fourth planets are almost overhead and are Saturn followed by Jupiter which is equally as bright as Venus.

Planets orbit the Sun in a plane called the ecliptic which is why the planets appear on a straight line in the sky. The ecliptic runs through twelve constellations in the sky, and these constellations are referred to as the zodiac and will be

somewhat familiar. The table below give the constellation location of our four planets.

Planet	Constellation
Mercury	Capricornus
Venus	Aquarius
Saturn	Taurus
Jupiter	Taurus

Mercury and Venus are classified as terrestrial planets because they are similar to Earth: small, dense, and rocky planets. They are farther classified as inferior planets because they orbit inside of Earth which is why we always observe them in the direction of the Sun.

As a matter of fact, on Jan. 16, Venus was at its largest angle (47 degrees) east of the Sun, and on Jan. 28, Mercury will be at its largest angle (18 degrees) east of the Sun. This position is officially referred to as Greatest Eastern Elongation and will be the best time for observing these planets in the night sky.

Saturn and Jupiter are both clas-

sified as Gas Giants planets because they are primarily made of hydrogen and are huge planets compared to Earth. They are further classified as Superior planets because they orbit outside of Earth and can therefore be found anywhere in the sky. Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system with Saturn being number two; therefore Jupiter will be the brighter of these two planets.

One can also observe the fourth planet from the sun—Mars, but you have to be a bit of a night owl. Mars is in Libra on the ecliptic, and will rise at approximately 1:30 a.m. It will be somewhat intermediate in brightness, and as you are aware can be easily recognizable by its reddish color which is due to a compound of the element iron on its surface.

Keep looking up; catch one of our clear, beautiful, winter nights; and observe the spectacular display of planets!

Off the Shelf . . .

By Glen Johnson

well (or badly) lived."

After the *Thorn Birds* and all those Caesars, Colleen McCullough has returned to her native Australia with her latest novel *Morgan's Run*'s. This time she's dealing with the birth of Australia as she chronicles British convict Richard Morgan's penal transportation to Botany Bay in 1788 for a combination of Tom Jones and Mutiny on the Bounty.

Ravelstein by Saul Bellow follows the career of professor Abe Ravelstein, who after writing the memoirs of a close friend finds that not only has he become a millionaire through its publication but additionally he has gained much more. One reviewer called it "brave, dark and bleakly funny: an elegy to friendship and lives

In *The Prometheus Deception*, Robert Ludlum does what he does best: keeps the reader turning pages frantically until the book's end. Some are calling this his best novel yet, as Ludlum has former deep-cover operative Nicholas Bryson come rustily out of retirement to find, and re-infiltrate his former network: The Directorate.

Fiction—*Morgan's Run*, by Colleen McCullough; *Four Blondes*, Candace Bushnell; *The Bear and the Dragon*, by Tom Clancy; *Riptide*, by Catherine Coulter.

Business—*Middletown*, by Robert Lynd; *Powershift*, by Alvin Toffler; *Social Stratification*, by Debra Oltman; *Essentials of Business Statistics*, by Gerald Keller; *Real Estate*, by Ralph Palmer.

Future Issues

This is the first *Courier* of the year. We will publish twice each month in February, March, April, September, October and November. One per month is set for May, June, July, August, December and January, 2002. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406.

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Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student expression and all students are

urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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"Barefoot and dazed, the Coatses made their way through the rubble"

By Carol Collins

On the day of the tornado, Syble Coats and her family had planned an afternoon of Christmas shopping. Instead, the weather sirens and fast approaching funnel clouds sent them running for shelter.

Coats, a music teacher at Shelton, and her daughter Brittle, a high school senior, huddled together in one bathroom while her husband, Gordon, dove into the bathtub of another bathroom.

Coats described the experience in an interview on January 17. "Within moments it hit hard, shaking our house. It was very loud," she said. "We could hear it rip the air-conditioning system off and throw it up against the house. Then it came in and ripped everything apart. We could hear things crashing. Debris was falling on top of my daughter who was covering me. We held the door closed with the weight of our bodies. At one point, we feared that the winds would rip the door open and we would be sucked out. My husband said he held on for dear life as he was being lifted up and down by the winds. After what seemed like hours, the one to two minute ordeal was over."

Elated that everyone was safe includ-

ing their pets, the Coatses examined their damaged house. Coats described her first glance of the aftermath. "Oh my, it was awful," she said. "Nearly everything had been destroyed. The beams from the ceiling had fallen and smashed everything below. There was glass and debris everywhere. Everything was also wet and messy from the rain."

Barefoot and dazed, the Coatses made their way through the rubble and to the front porch. Outside the winds had tossed their truck into their car, destroying both vehicles. They stared around with disbelief. Their entire neighborhood had also been destroyed.

Their daughter remembered an event was scheduled at the school. She headed out in that direction for help. She came back with a teacher. Together she and the teacher set out on a mission that turned out to be a three-hour expedition. Finally, they returned with a badly needed mini-van they had rented.

With Coats, they roamed the neighborhood in search of a telephone. She found a working phone and called to let someone know she wouldn't be able to teach at choir practice. "It was a special time of the year and we had a big Christmas program scheduled for the next day," she said.

Coats became emotional when she

talked about the support she received. "It was overwhelming," she said. "About forty people from the church choir and others came to help. They were out in the cold and rain helping us gather up anything they could salvage."

Wearing a neighbor's shoes, a couple sizes too small, Coats and her family took what they could and headed to a friend's house. They stayed there for a few days then moved into temporary lodging. They are now discussing plans to put their lives back together.

"We have decided to rebuild in the same spot," says Coats. "We will be adding a reinforced room as a storm shelter. However, coming back to work at Shelton was about the first normal function in my life since the storm."

Coats repeatedly expressed that she is most grateful to God for the safety of her family. She said she is also thankful that they were able to salvage most of their family heirlooms, pictures, and other memorabilia. Coats admits to becoming emotional when she thinks of the support they received. "People helping people, that's what it's about," she said. She leaves this for us to consider, "if it happens again and it's not you, go help someone."

Courier Poll

42% of Shelton students say they take shelter as soon as they hear the sirens of a tornado warning.

46% of Shelton students say the December 2000 tornado made them more wary or frightened of tornados.

82% of Shelton students think another major tornado will hit the Tuscaloosa area in the next 12 months. 2% are undecided.

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associated with spring months than the winter months in Alabama. According to Tuscaloosa County Emergency Spokesman Don Hartley, "This was an unusually strong storm for this time of year. Normally at this time of year it is the smaller tornadoes, F0s or F1s."

This has been considered the deadliest tornado in nearly 70 years, killing 11 people ages varying from 15 months to 85 years old and injuring dozens. Not only were lives lost but more than 400 homes were destroyed or damaged.

Aldridge had a baaaaad feeling...

By Brett Anderton

One person in particular who was affected by the tornado was Shelton's very own William Aldridge. Aldridge is in his 20th year as the economics teacher at Shelton.

His story begins on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 15, 2000. The news said that on the 16th, the temperature would drop 50 degrees. Aldridge found that to be pretty interesting. He said, "That worried me. Anytime there is a rapid change in anything, something bad usually happens."

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, Aldridge was supposed to attend a boy scout camp in Moundville. Aldridge and his two sons, drove down Hwy. 69 approximately 30 minutes before it hit. He knew the weather was deteriorating, so he tried to call his wife but the phone lines were not working properly. He had a very bad feeling. He dropped his kids off in Moundville and headed back to Tuscaloosa to check on his wife. Aldridge got about five minutes from the entrance to his neighborhood when he got stopped by police who instructed him to go back. He decided to travel southeast to Hwy. 82 to go back into town. The weather was so bad that

a thirty minute trip took three hours!

When Aldridge finally arrived at the entrance of his neighborhood, the police were controlling the entry. His house, though not destroyed, had several holes in the roof. The chimney was gone, and most of his windows were blown in.

Aldridge proceeded to go in the house and find his wife. "She was not physically hurt, but she was emotionally shaken." His wife took cover in a closet under the stairs by herself. She did not hear the tornado but she did feel extreme pressure changes while in the closet.

Aldridge was just thankful everyone was all right. He knew that something was wrong and was annoyed with himself that he left the house. Aldridge said, "We were very fortunate compared to many of our neighbors who lost most of their house and its contents."

Aldridge and his family have been in and out of their home for a month and will be for another month to come. The Aldridge family will be in a hotel for up to three weeks before all of the repairs are complete on their home. Aldridge still finds a way to remain his usual high spirited self and said, "Next time I will use common sense rather than wishful thinking."



(Above) Economics instructor Bill Aldridge walks with his son toward home in the heavy-hit Hillcrest Meadows subdivision. (L) The home of the Coats family was pretty-much demolished, but they have decided to rebuild on the spot.



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When the weather's cold, head north—to Mentone, Ala.

By Shirley Friday

Here's a cheap thrill—snow skiing in Alabama. That's right, the slopes or slippery hills are a mere two and a half-hour drive from Tuscaloosa to the town of Mentone in the northeastern corner of Alabama.

The Cloudmont Ski Resort opened for business in 1970, when founder, Jack Jones, purchased his first snow-making machine. Today, Cloudmont handles 50 to 77 skiers on weekdays, and up to 350 on weekends and holidays.

The resort, which is part campground, part ski slopes (nothing fancy here) host two 1,000-foot runs, each with a vertical rise of 150 feet. Two pony lifts (handles attached to a cable) pull skiers up the slopes.

Intermediate skiers, who like to hotdog, will find sculpted moguls and ramps. Beginners who like to snowplow will find easy green runs.

The crew at Cloudmont faces a bigger challenge than its patrons. For this southern most ski resort in the United States, the challenge is keeping the snow on the slopes.

Since Alabama doesn't get

much of the powdery stuff, resort manager, Marsha Hare, says they are busy making snow every chance they get.

On nights when the temperature falls below 28 degrees, water is pumped from a nearby pond, and run through several cooling fans that blow snow across the slopes. Usually, this man-made snow provides a deep base that withstands warmer winter days. But, Hare adds, "It is advisable to call or check our website before you come."

When conditions are right, Cloudmont opens weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students pay \$26 weekdays, \$30 weekends (\$20 after 1 p.m.).

Also, those who want to try night skiing can pay again and ski from 6 to 10 p.m. Prices include lift tickets, skis, boots and lessons. Snowboarders bring their own boards.

Free lessons are given by instructors who wear anything from camouflage to ski bibs. Charlie Flatt, Tim Phillips, and Joe Adkins, to name a few, spout out skiing tips as well as any of the instructors at the premier resorts.

Beginners get a lot of atten-

tion here. Instructors learn their names, teach them and then follow their progress. If someone falls, an instructor is likely to rush right over and help them up.

According to *The Huntsville Times*, 90 percent of Cloudmont's skiers are beginners. If someone yells, "Outta the way!", "Look out!", or "Oh no, oh no!" it's wise to find a better spot quick.

Beginners and pros alike can work up an appetite here. Cloudmont has a snack shop that serves food such as, chili, hot dogs, chips and hot chocolate. Many pack a lunch from home or bring drive-thru fare from nearby Fort Payne. Visitors can also select a variety of restaurants on the mountain, like The Bistro and Cragmere Manna.

Whether stocking up for that big trip to the Rockies, or just trying out their ski legs, visitors could find that Cloudmont is worth the drive. As Hare says, "Ski Bama!"

To get to Cloudmont Ski & Golf resort: take exit 231 off of I-59. Go east on highway 117 to Mentone. At caution light turn onto highway 89. Proceed 3.5 miles to County Road 614 and Entrance. Phone (256) 634-4344.

PHI THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa raised \$400 for their Christmas service project. Stocking stuffers for the salvation army. Phi Theta Kappa would like to thank other organizations and individuals who donated money: SGA, Ambassadors, Math Department, Rick Rogers, Linda Grote, Dr. Blackshear, Chuck Boening, Rita Tragemorn, and Sully Cochrane.

PTK meetings are scheduled for every Monday at noon in the Green Room. All members are invited to attend

All clubs that would like to update their club news please send the information to the Courier office.

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Shelton places 49 students among Who's Who in junior colleges

Shelton State recently released the names of forty-nine students who were named among students in American Junior Colleges.

Jessica Bogucki, Andrea Cheek, Jason Couch, Jamie Crane, Lloyd Dunn II, Susan Elam, Shara Fife, Jeremy Flannery, Lillian Fondren, Jennifer Frachiseur, Sherron Franklin, Adam Harris, Adrienne Hatter, John Hayes, Steven Hester, Michael Hjelden, Wendy Hjelden, Thad Holcombe, John Hubbard, Joshua Hubbard, Jennifer Jarman, Nicholas Jenkins,

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Shelton State Community College receives 10 years reaccreditation

During the 105th annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools held recently in Atlanta, Georgia, Shelton State Community College received word that the college's accreditation had been accepted by the accrediting agency for another ten years.

Founded in 1895 and headquartered in Decatur, Ga., the Southern Association is one of six regional accrediting bodies in the United States and works with schools and colleges in eleven Southern states. Accreditation is a non-governmental and voluntary process concerned with improving edu-

cational quality and assuring the public that member institutions meet established standards.

"We are pleased that the SACS committee accepted our report and accredited our college for another ten years. This accreditation is a compliment to our faculty and staff and extremely important to the success of our students," said Shelton President Rick Rogers.

Delegates attending the annual meeting included faculty, administrators, and educational professionals representing the more than 12,000 accredited public and private institutions enrolling nearly 11 million students.

Come see the Shelton State Dance Department's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* Saturday Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre.

ADMISSION IS FREE!

William Shakespeare's story of four young lovers lost in the forest put to music by Felix Medelsohn.

This production has everything from fairies to a man being transformed into donkey.

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Shelton Scholar's Bowl finishes third in national tournament

By Tom Canterbury

Threes are wild for the Shelton State Scholar's Bowl team, because for the third straight year they finished third in a national tournament.

The team finished third out of 33 teams from around the

south at the Tallahassee Community College National College Bowl Tournament.

The tournament was won by Dalton College whom Shelton did not play in the tournament.

Shelton was the final undefeated team left in the field before they lost in the semi-finals.

Team members are Jared Lane (captain), Tom Canterbury, Paul Pedram, and John T. Hubbard.

The team returns to national competition at Berry College in Rome, Ga. in April and competes for the state title in Montevallo, also in April.



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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Men maintain torrid pace; women remain streaky

By Tom Canterbury

The Shelton men's basketball team has established themselves as a dominant team this year, accumulating a 15-1 record through the first half of the season.

"We're responding well to our success," head coach Barry Mohun said. "We know we're not playing our best ball right now and we want to play our best come tournament time."

The Buccaneers came out of the gates slowly after Christmas break in their Jan. 8 game at Jeff Davis, trailing 45-37 at halftime. After intermission, the team regained the momentum that the Bucs have had all year, winning the game 81-76 in come-from-behind fashion.

The Bucs continued their winning ways on Jan. 11, trouncing an outmanned Marion Military Institute team in Marion, 74-37. "It was a good overall team

victory," Mohun said.

Shelton's record improved to 12-1 on Jan. 13 with a 72-65 road victory at Southern Union. Center Rodney Bias lead the team with 26 points.

Ronald Pritchett led the way for Shelton with 25 points in their next victory at Wallace-Hanceville on Jan. 16. Rodney Bias, Ronald Cooper and Ulysses Jenkins all scored in double figures in the 84-79 win.

When the team returned home on Jan. 18, Bishop State was the next victim. The Bucs stormed out to a 27-3 lead and never looked back, winning in comfortable fashion 69-56.

The Bucs' record reached 15-1 on Jan. 22 in a very physical game against Calhoun. In the first half, which featured Mohun being hit with a technical foul, the Bucs fell behind 35-29.

"I wanted to use it both as motivation for our team and to let

the officials know I didn't think things were going as they should."

The team responded well to the wake-up call, opening the second half with four straight threes, two apiece by Mike Christion and Derek Wright. The team held on for a 69-67 win.

The Bucs' individual players have been attracting scouts from major universities and colleges. "It's not a distraction because their contact is limited," Mohun said. "But it says something good about the state of our program."

In the next two weeks, the men play the following three home games: Mon. Jan. 29 against Beville-Sumiton; Thursday, Feb. 1 against Faulkner and Monday, Feb. 5 against Lawson. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

While the Shelton men's team can look back at the beginning of the season fondly, the women's team would rather forget it. Before the Christmas break, the defending state

champions finally began showing signs of life, winning their final three games, improving their record to 4-6. That record eventually dropped to 7-9 by Jan. 22.

"We're streaky because of a lot of individual breakdowns that add up very quickly," head coach Madonna Thompson said. "We're playing hard but we've got to play smart."

The Lady Bucs continued their new-found momentum in their first game back, getting a solid win at LB Wallace, by a score of 63-46.

The team got their record back to the .500 mark on Jan. 9 with a 82-71 home win against Alabama Southern. Freshman LaTonya Henry had her best game in a Lady Buc uniform, registering a double-double with 28 points and 17 rebounds.

The Lady Bucs then lost their momentum and began a two-game losing streak with a tough loss at Southern Union on Jan. 13.

The losing streak continued on Jan. 16 when the team lost at

Wallace-Hanceville by a score of 84-70. "We played harder than we have been playing," Thompson said. "But we had too many mental breakdowns."

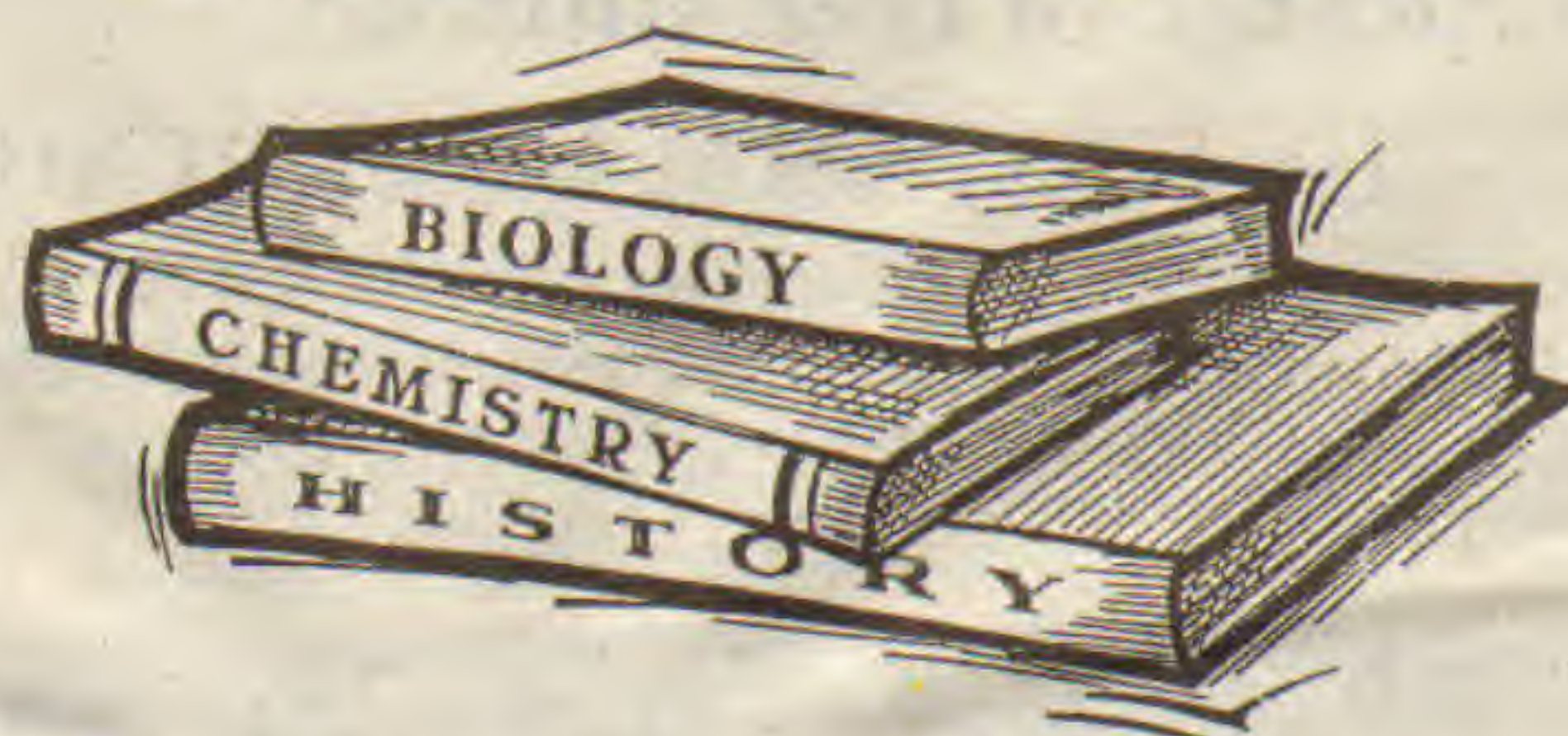
The Lady Bucs ended that streak with one of the most exciting games of the year, a 59-58 home win against Bishop State on Jan. 18. Freshman Carol McDonald hit a free throw with 1.8 seconds left in the game giving Shelton its first lead since early in the first half and the victory.

The Lady Bucs' record fell to 7-9 after a 66-59 home loss to Calhoun on Jan. 22.

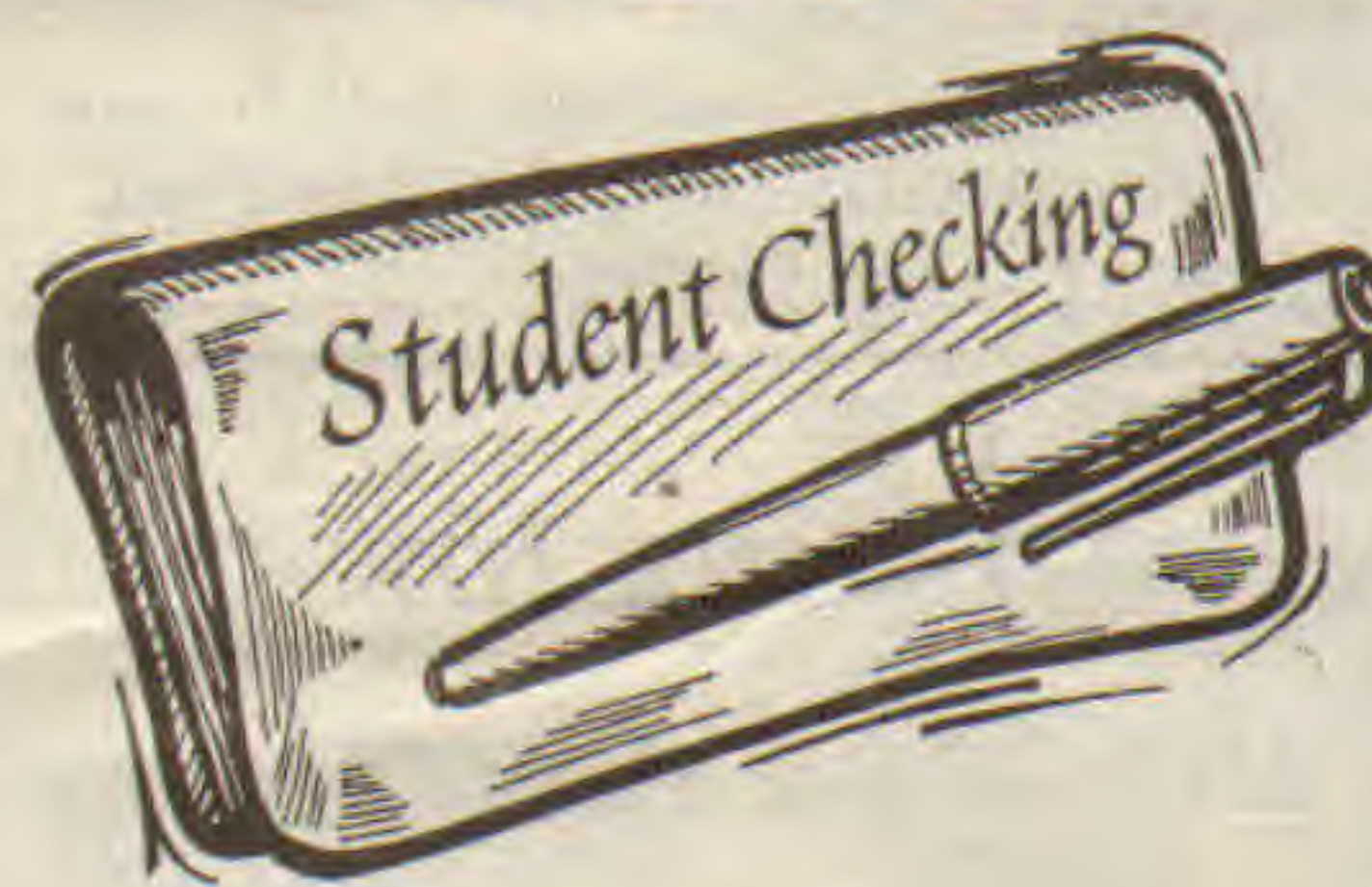
"Hopefully we'll peak at the end like we did last year and beat some higher echelon teams like a Calhoun," Thompson said.

In the next two weeks, the women play the following two home games: Monday, Jan. 29, against Wallace-Dothan at 5 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 5, against Lawson State at 5:30 p.m.

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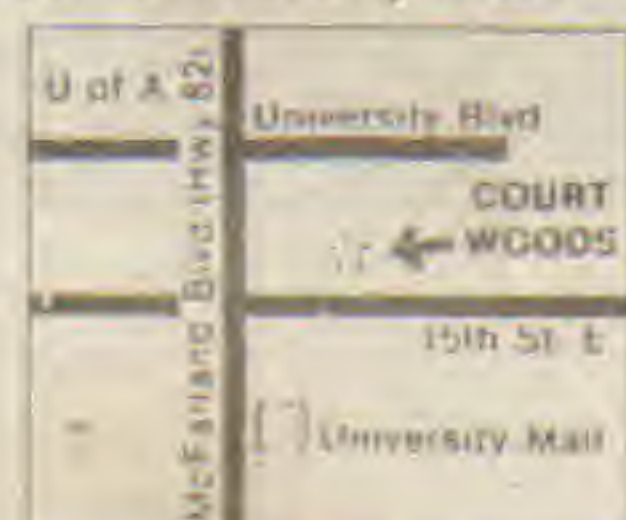
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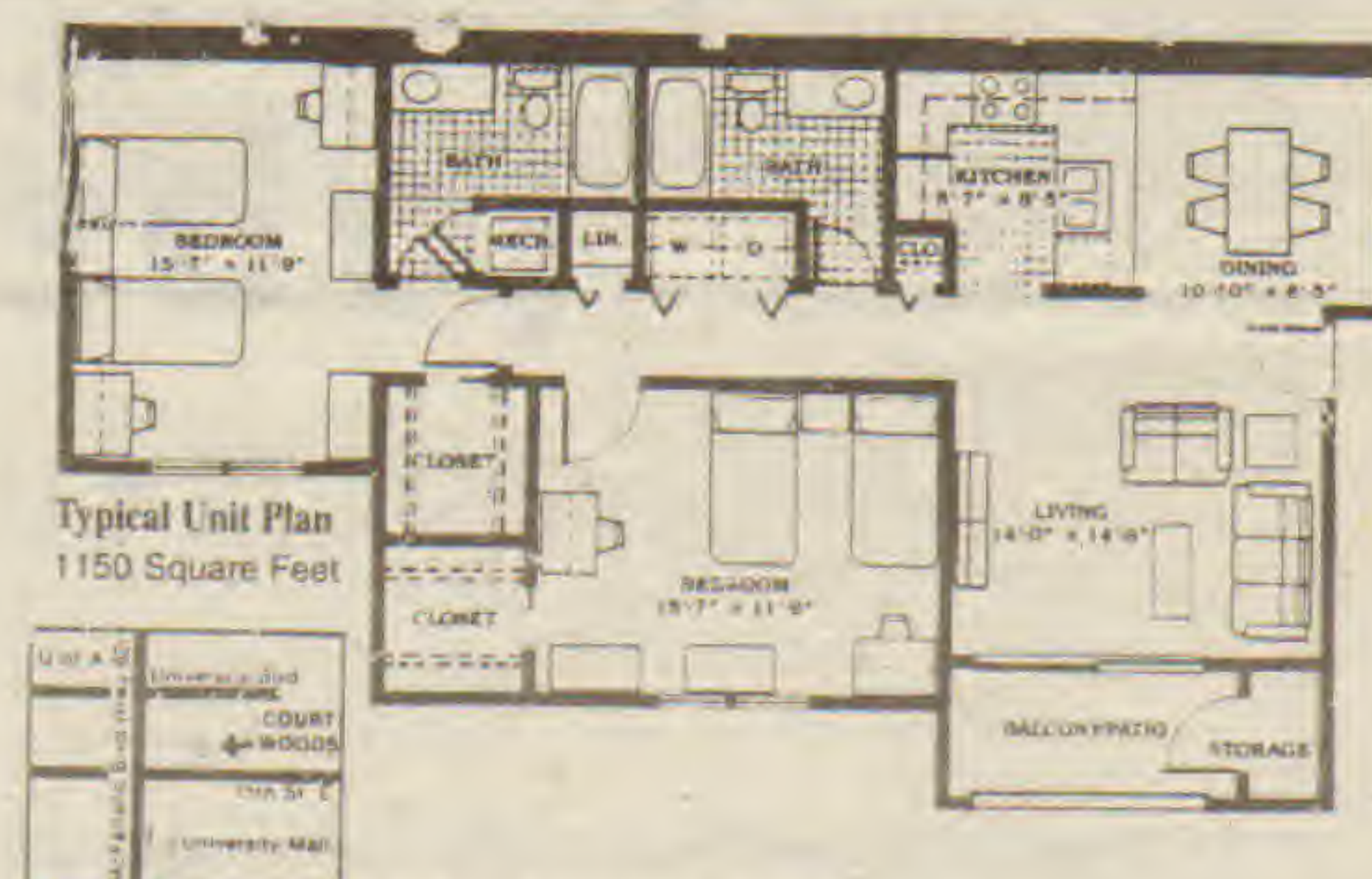
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